

RANGER PROGRAMS

Have a few minutes? An hour? Half a day?
Want to ask a few questions? Explore the park in depth?
Ranger Programs offer something for everyone!



Summer
2010



Especially for Children

Young Scientist Program

If you are five years old or older, you can become a Young Scientist! Purchase a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. Once you have completed the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.

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Junior Ranger Program

If you are between the ages of 5 and 12, you can become a Junior Ranger! Stop by any park visitor center or the Junior Ranger Station located at Madison for details on how you can learn more about Yellowstone. Purchase the official Junior Ranger newspaper for \$3 and complete the program requirements. Ranger-led programs especially for Junior Rangers and their families are offered at most areas. You will be awarded a wolf track patch if you are ages 5 to 7, a bear track if you are ages 8 to 12.

Attention Teachers!

We invite you, your students, and parent chaperones to participate in *Expedition: Yellowstone!*—a curriculum-based residential program. Through field investigations, hikes, creative dramatics, journal writing, and group discussions, students learn about the natural and cultural resources of Yellowstone National Park.

For more information, write to *Expedition: Yellowstone!*, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or visit www.nps.gov/yell/ey

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Road Work In Park

Details on back page of park newspaper.

Yellowstone's roads are being improved. Expect 30 minute delays and some nightly closures. Major projects are:

Grand Loop Road between Norris and Madison, including the stretch that goes through Gibbon Canyon. This area is closed at night.

East Entrance Road at Sylvan Pass.

Outside Yellowstone:

Beartooth Highway, outside Northeast Entrance and beyond Cooke City
Grand Teton National Park

Highways in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho

Ranger Talks

During the day, you can join ranger talks scheduled all around the park. You can find out fascinating facts about wildlife, history, and geology. The programs range from short talks such as “Tales of the Travertine” to longer talks held in various locations and in comfortable indoor auditoriums. If you have children, look for ranger talks geared for kids at Canyon, Old Faithful, and plenty of activities at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison.

Ranger Walks

Feel like stretching your legs while you learn about Yellowstone? Then look for ranger-led walks. You can explore the meadows of the Canyon area and walk along its rims; enjoy wildlife watching in Hayden Valley; stroll along the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone Lake, and walk among the hydrothermal wonders of the geyser basins and Mud Volcano. And if you would prefer a boat ride—check out the Lake Scenic Cruise, which is operated by a concessioner but features a park ranger guide on select trips.

Ranger Adventure Hikes

Yellowstone National Park offers exceptional opportunities for you to explore backcountry trails with a park ranger. Each hike has been specially selected to show you wonders of the park that most visitors never see. Hikes are limited in the number of participants, and **you must sign up in advance at one of the park's visitor centers**. Hike details are on page H.

Evening Programs

Visitors of all ages enjoy the classic ranger evening programs, which are held in all the major areas. Enjoy the stories and fascinating facts that rangers can tell, view stunning photography, and just have fun and relax! Most programs begin at 9 or 9:30, but you'll find earlier programs at Norris, Fishing Bridge, West Yellowstone, and Old Faithful. The topics change frequently; check at a visitor center or campground bulletin board to find out what is being presented while you are here.

Star Parties

Astronomy programs are presented one weekend each in July and August in the Madison Area. See page E for more information.

Program Accessibility



If you need a sign language interpreter for National Park Service interpretive programs, please make arrangements three weeks in advance by calling 307-344-2251.



Yellowstone National Park is improving accessibility for all visitors. Many, but not all, of our ranger programs are wheelchair-accessible: look for the wheelchair symbol at the end of each program description. For more park accessibility information, ask for the guide to wheelchair-accessible features in Yellowstone, which is available free at entrance stations, visitor centers, and on www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm.

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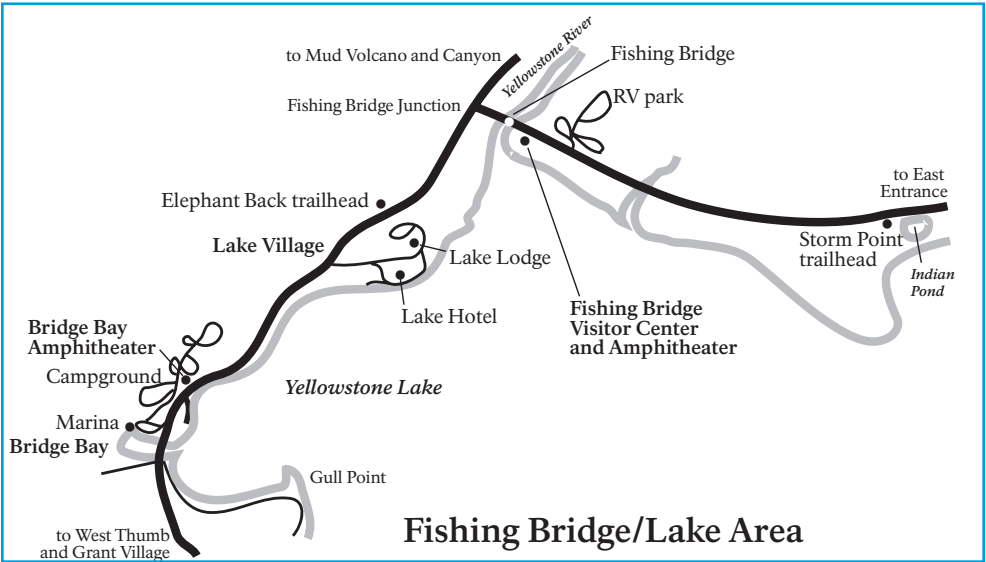
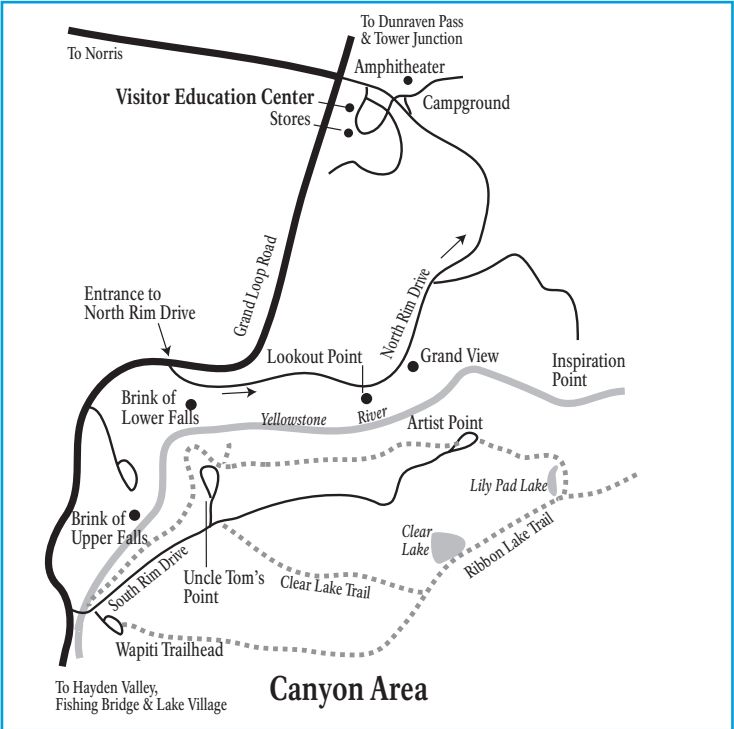
Canyon Village

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Through May 28: 9 AM–5 PM; May 29–Sept. 30: 8 AM–8 PM

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<div>Ranger Adventure Hike—Starting July 9 Enter the wilderness world of Yellowstone’s backcountry on a half-day hike with a park ranger. These free hikes vary from easy to strenuous. Some hikes are not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. Reservations are required in advance. All children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Hike description and more information are available on page H.</i></div>						8 AM 7/9–8/27 FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN	
<div>Yellowstone Canyon Talk <i>Starting May 30</i> From a classic viewpoint, enjoy Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join a park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. 🚻 10–15 minutes <i>*10 AM talk designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5–12). 🚻 20–30 minutes</i></div>	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 5/30–9/5	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 5/31–9/6	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 6/1–8/31	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 6/2–9/1	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 6/3–9/2	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 6/4–9/3	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 6/5–9/4
<div>Yellowstone for the Young <i>Starting June 6</i> Hey, kids! Discover the wonderful geology, history, or wildlife of Yellowstone. Join a ranger for an interactive program designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet a ranger in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center. 🚻 20–30 minutes</div>	3 PM 6/6–9/5	3 PM 6/7–9/6	3 PM 6/8–8/31	3 PM 6/9–9/1	3 PM 6/10–9/2	3 PM 6/11–9/3	3 PM 6/12–9/4
<div>Walking the Edge <i>Starting May 30</i> Enjoy learning about the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking along the South Rim Trail with a ranger. Gain stunning views of the Yellowstone River, Upper and Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet a park ranger at the parking area for Uncle Tom’s Point on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. 1½ hours</div>	9 AM 5/30–6/13 3 PM 5/30–9/5	9 AM 5/31–6/14 3 PM 5/31–9/6	9 AM 6/1–6/15 3 PM 6/1–8/31	9 AM 6/2–6/16 3 PM 6/2–9/2	9 AM 6/3–6/17 3 PM 6/3–9/2	9 AM 6/4–6/18 3 PM 6/4–9/3	9 AM 6/5–6/19 3 PM 6/5–9/4
<div>Lupine Loop Walk <i>Starting June 20</i> Walk along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forest, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet a park ranger at the parking area for Uncle Tom’s Point on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this moderate walk of approximately 3 miles. 2½ hours</div>	9 AM 6/20–9/5	9 AM 6/21–9/6	9 AM 6/22–8/31	9 AM 6/23–9/1	9 AM 6/24–9/2	9 AM 6/25–9/3	9 AM 6/26–9/4
<div>Call of the Wild <i>Starting June 6</i> Both before and since Yellowstone was established as a national park in 1872, people have been drawn to and inspired by this area. The human history of Yellowstone is filled with many fascinating and interesting stories. Join a ranger for an engaging talk about the people of Wonderland. Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center. 🚻 45 minutes</div>	6 PM 6/6–9/5	6 PM 6/7–9/6	6 PM 6/8–8/31	6 PM 6/9–9/1	6 PM 6/10–9/2	6 PM 6/11–9/3	6 PM 6/12–9/4
<div>Canyon Evening Program <i>Starting June 6</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program and learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Canyon Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. *Meet at the Canyon Campground Amphitheater. 🚻 45 minutes <i>*Weather and snow levels permitting.</i></div>	9:30 PM 6/6–7/18 9 PM 7/25–9/5	9:30 PM 6/7–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/8–7/20 9 PM 7/27–8/31	9:30 PM 6/9–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/10–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4

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Fishing Bridge/Lake Village

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center
May 26–Sept. 30: 8 AM–7 PM



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Wildlife Watching in Hayden Valley <i>Starting June 8</i> From a scenic point overlooking Hayden Valley and a tranquil stretch of the Yellowstone River, watch for wildlife in the early morning. Be prepared for a short stroll over steep terrain to the river. Meet at the large pullout in Hayden Valley at the top of a hill, about 10 miles north of Fishing Bridge Junction and 6 miles south of Canyon Junction. Easy. <i>2 hours</i>			7 AM 6/8–8/10		7 AM 6/10–8/12		
Lake Scenic Cruise <i>Starting June 11</i> Join a park ranger on a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Range, historic Lake Hotel & Village, and surrounding lodgepole pine forest. Reservations required in advance through Xanterra Parks and Resorts. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina (\$15.55 for adults, \$9.82 for kids ages 3–11, free for kids under 3). 🚿 <i>1 hour</i>	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/13–9/12	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/14–9/6	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/15–9/7	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/16–9/8	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/17–9/9	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/11–9/10	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/12–9/11
Storm Point Saunter <i>Starting June 6</i> Wander along the ever-changing lakeshore and through a diversity of landscapes including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and an ancient forest of spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at Indian Pond and the Storm Point trailhead, 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3 mile hike. <i>2 hours</i>	10 AM 6/6–8/29	10 AM 6/7–8/30	10 AM 6/8–8/31	10 AM 6/9–9/1	10 AM 6/10–9/2	10 AM 6/11–9/3	10 AM 6/12–9/4
Elephant Back Trek <i>Starting June 14</i> Ascend the ridge of Elephant Back, through a dense and mysterious forest of lodgepole pine, for mesmerizing views of Yellowstone Lake, the Lake Hotel area, and the looming Absaroka Range. Meet at the Elephant Back trailhead, between Fishing Bridge Junction and the Lake Hotel area. Parking is limited. The 3.6 mile hike is strenuous and not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. Bring water and snacks for lunch. <i>3 hours</i>		11 AM 6/14–8/9		11 AM 6/16–8/11		11 AM 6/18–8/13	
Beach and River Stroll <i>Starting June 13</i> “No other lake in North America of equal area lies so high as the Yellowstone, or gives birth to so noble a river,” declared John Muir. Take a close and compelling look at both lake and river, and explore park history. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center flagpole. Easy. <i>1½ hours</i>	11 AM 6/13–8/8		11 AM 6/15–8/10		11 AM 6/17–8/12		
Featured Creature <i>Starting May 26</i> Enthralling and diverse wild animals, found in few other places in North America, nor in such profusion, are revealed in Yellowstone. Unveil the story of one of them. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. 🚿 <i>30 minutes</i>	2 PM 5/30–8/8	2 PM 5/31–8/9	2 PM 6/1–8/10	2 PM 5/26–8/11	2 PM 5/27–8/12	2 PM 5/28–8/13	2 PM 5/29–8/14
Mud Volcano Ramble <i>Starting May 30</i> “The greatest marvel we have yet met with,” declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Mud Volcano parking area. <i>2 hours</i>	4 PM 5/30–9/5	4 PM 5/31–9/6	4 PM 6/1–8/31	4 PM 6/2–9/1	4 PM 6/3–9/2	4 PM 6/4–9/3	4 PM 6/5–9/4
River Reflections <i>Starting May 26</i> From a picturesque spot along the Yellowstone River, explore Fishing Bridge area history and one of the most important cogs in the motor of the Yellowstone ecosystem: the rare, mysterious, wily, polka-dotted and beautiful cutthroat trout. Meet on the west side of the Fishing Bridge. <i>20 minutes</i>	5 PM 5/30–8/8	5 PM 5/31–8/9	5 PM 6/1–8/10	5 PM 5/26–8/11	5 PM 5/27–8/12	5 PM 5/28–8/13	5 PM 5/29–8/14
Family Campfire <i>Starting June 7</i> Illustrated program and campfire, especially for families with young children. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for the subject. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater. 🚿 <i>45 minutes</i>		6 PM 6/7–7/26		6 PM 6/9–7/28		6 PM 6/11–7/30	
Fishing Bridge Evening Program <i>Starting June 6</i> Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program and campfire. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center Amphitheater. 🚿 <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 PM 6/6–7/18	9:30 PM 6/7–7/19	9:30 PM 6/8–7/20	9:30 PM 6/9–7/21	9:30 PM 6/10–7/22	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24
	9 PM 7/25–9/5	9 PM 7/26–9/6	9 PM 7/27–8/31	9 PM 7/28–9/1	9 PM 7/29–9/2	9 PM 7/30–9/3	9 PM 7/31–9/4
Bridge Bay Evening Program <i>Starting June 6</i> Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program and campfire. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater. 🚿 <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 PM 6/6–7/18	9:30 PM 6/7–7/19	9:30 PM 6/8–7/20	9:30 PM 6/9–7/21	9:30 PM 6/10–7/22	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24
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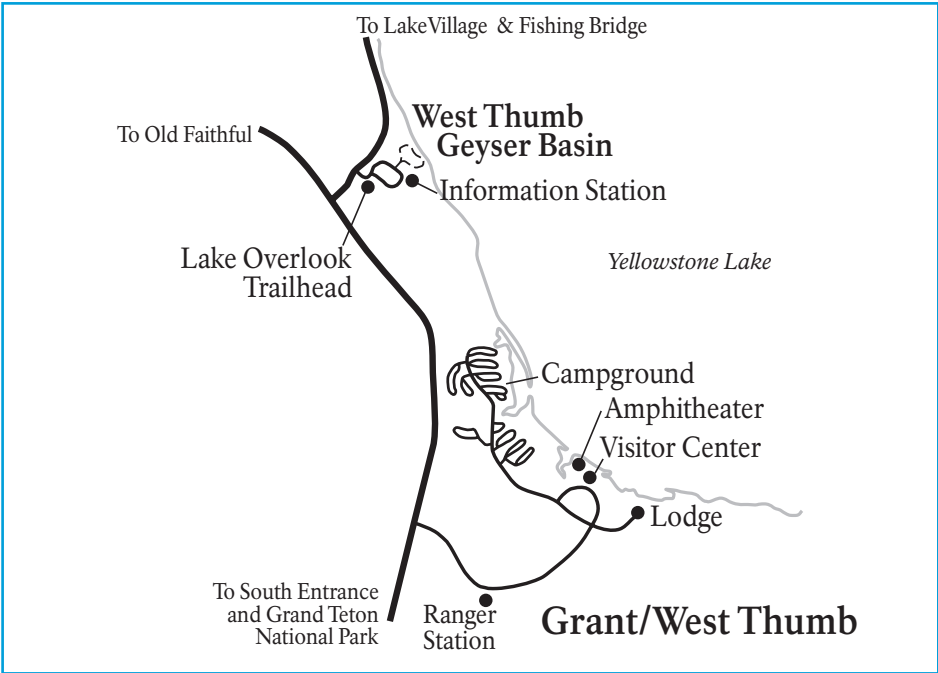
Grant Village & West Thumb

Grant Visitor Center
May 26–Sept. 30: 8 AM–7 PM

West Thumb Information Center
May 26–Sept. 30: 9 AM–5 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hot Water Wilderness <i>Starting June 2</i> Come to the West Thumb Geyser Basin and explore the origins of glittering geysers, belching mudpots, and emerald hot springs. Stroll along the shores of Yellowstone Lake to uncover West Thumb’s explosive past and dynamic future. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Center. Roundtrip distance is ¾ mile. Easy. ♿ with assistance 1½ hours	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/6–9/5	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/7–9/6	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/8–8/31	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/2–9/1	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/3–9/2	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/4–9/3	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/5–9/4
Wildlife Wonders <i>Starting May 26</i> Interested in learning about the best viewing areas, habits, adaptations, mysteries, or even threats to one of Yellowstone’s fascinating animals? Relax in the shade as a ranger reveals the secrets of Yellowstone’s wildlife. Meet on the Grant Visitor Center back porch. ♿ 20 minutes	2 PM 5/30–9/5	2 PM 5/31–9/6	2 PM 6/1–8/31	2 PM 5/26–9/1	2 PM 5/27–9/2	2 PM 5/28–9/3	2 PM 5/29–9/4
Walk on the Wild Side <i>Starting June 20</i> Walk with a ranger on a moderately strenuous 2-mile hike to discover the role of natural processes in sculpting the world’s first national park. Meet at the Lake Overlook trailhead in the West Thumb Geyser Basin parking area. Bring rain gear, water, snacks, and insect repellent. 2 hours	3 PM 6/20–9/5				3 PM 6/24–9/2		
Fire in Yellowstone <i>Starting June 22</i> Meet a ranger to discover first-hand the natural role fire plays in dynamic Yellowstone. Explore the Arnica Fire area that ignited from a lightning strike on September 22, 2009. Meet at the long pullout with a vault toilet 6.8 miles (10.9 km) north of West Thumb Junction. 30 minutes			3 PM 6/22–8/31				3 PM 6/26–9/4
Under the Old Spruce <i>Starting June 21</i> Take in tales of Yellowstone’s fascinating wildlife, geologic curiosities, or natural wonders in the shade of the old spruce tree at West Thumb. Relax and let a ranger reveal some of Yellowstone’s many mysteries. Meet under the old spruce at the West Thumb Information Center. ♿ 15 minutes		3 PM 3:30 PM 6/21–9/6		3 PM 3:30 PM 6/23–9/1		3 PM 3:30 PM 6/25–9/3	
Ranger Rendezvous <i>Starting May 29</i> Meet a park ranger for this early evening program designed for the young and the young at heart. Learn more about Yellowstone’s diverse geology, history, or wildlife riches as you ease into evening. Check locally for program topics. Meet on the back porch of Grant Visitor Center. ♿—ask ranger for assistance after Visitor Center closes at 7 PM. 25 minutes	7:30 PM 5/30–9/5	7:30 PM 5/31–9/6	7:30 PM 6/1–8/31	7:30 PM 6/2–9/1	7:30 PM 6/3–9/2	7:30 PM 6/4–9/3	7:30 PM 5/29–9/4
Grant Village Evening Program <i>Starting June 21</i> Join a park ranger for this illustrated presentation focusing on Yellowstone’s natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant Village Amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. ♿ 45 minutes	9:30 PM 6/27–7/18 9 PM 7/25–8/29	9:30 PM 6/21–7/19 9 PM 7/26–8/30	9:30 PM 6/22–7/20 9 PM 7/27–8/31	9:30 PM 6/23–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/24–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/25–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/26–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4

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Fishing Cone Geyser, West Thumb Geyser Basin

Madison & West Yellowstone

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center
Through May 28: 8 AM–4 PM; May 29–Sept. 6: 8 AM–8 PM

Madison Information Station
May 29–Sept. 30: 9 AM–6 PM

Junior Ranger Station
May 29–Aug. 29: 9 AM–6 PM



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Explore Yellowstone! <i>Starting May 23</i> Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. ⌚ 20–30 minutes	9:30 AM 5/23–9/5	9:30 AM 5/24–9/6	9:30 AM 5/25–8/31	9:30 AM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–9/3	9:30 AM 5/29–9/4
Junior Ranger Station Activities <i>Starting May 29</i> Hey kids! Join a park ranger to learn about Yellowstone’s wonderful wildlife, geysers, history, and much more! This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison Junction. ⌚ 30 minutes	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/30–8/29	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/31–8/23	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/1–8/24	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/2–8/25	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/3–8/26	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/4–8/27	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/29–8/28
Afternoon Talk in West <i>Starting May 30</i> Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Museum of the Yellowstone is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Museum of the Yellowstone or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. ⌚ 30 minutes	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 5/30–9/5	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 5/31–9/6	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/1–8/31	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/2–9/1	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/3–9/2	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/4–9/3	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/5–9/4
Evening Program in West Yellowstone <i>Starting June 8</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). Everyone is welcome. The program is free. ⌚ 45 minutes			7 PM 6/8–8/31			7 PM 6/11–9/3	
Madison Evening Program <i>Starting May 30</i> Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater. ⌚ 45 minutes	9:30 PM 5/30–7/18 9 PM 7/25–9/5	9:30 PM 5/31–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/1–7/20 9 PM 7/27–8/31	9:30 PM 6/2–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/5–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4

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Both photos NPS

The historic Madison Trailside Museum (left) now is a Junior Ranger Station where National Park Service interpretive rangers lead activities for children ages 5–12.



Stars Over Yellowstone

Safe Solar Observing
Old Faithful Temporary Visitor Center area
Saturday: July 10 & Aug. 7, 2–5 PM
Safely view the sun through telescopes.

Night Sky Observing
Between the Madison Campground & Amphitheater
Friday & Saturday:
July 9 & 10, 10:30 PM
Aug. 6 & 7, 10 PM

Find the Milky Way, Jupiter, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Dress warmly; bring a flashlight.

Enjoy Yellowstone’s unpolluted sky. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view the sun and other celestial objects through telescopes. Weather permitting.

Astronomy Evening Programs: Madison Campground Amphitheater

Friday, July 9 & Saturday, July 10
9:30 PM
Green and Red Night Skies by Dr. Joseph Shaw, Director of the Optical Technology Center, Montana State University. The aurora borealis paints the night sky red and green. Discover the cause of these colors while viewing images demonstrating the beauty of the aurora. Learn how to observe and photograph this night-time wonder.

Friday, August 6 & Saturday, August 7
9 PM
Eye on the Big Sky by Ryan Hannahoe, Space Public Outreach Team (SPOT), Montana State University. Yellowstone’s dry climate and dark skies provide great opportunities for viewing the night sky. Learn how to use star charts to find constellations. See the objects Galileo saw and compare those with close-up views taken by space probes.

Stars Over Yellowstone is presented by The Museum of the Rockies and its partners, including the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society and the Abaetern Academy. The Museum of the Rockies is in Bozeman, Montana, at 600 Kagy Blvd.; 406-994-2251.





Mammoth Hot Springs

Albright Visitor Center

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Hot Springs Discovery—Walk <i>Starting June 13</i> Explore Yellowstone’s powerful geologic past and present while meandering around the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces. Learn how these dynamic travertine formations are unique among the park’s thermal features. Route climbs stairs; may be strenuous for some. Meet at the Liberty Cap rock formation, at the base of the hot springs. <i>1½ hours</i>	9 AM 6/13–9/5	9 AM 6/14–9/6	9 AM 6/15–8/31	9 AM 6/16–9/1	9 AM 6/17–9/2	9 AM 6/18–9/3	9 AM 6/19–9/4
Wonders of Yellowstone—Talk <i>Starting June 6</i> Yellowstone is full of wonders such as amazing geology, wildlife, history, and beauty. Join us as a ranger shares insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet on the front lawn of the Albright Visitor Center, or in the theater if it’s raining. ♿ <i>20 minutes</i>	3:30 PM 6/6–8/22	3:30 PM 6/7–8/23	3:30 PM 6/8–8/24	3:30 PM 6/9–8/25	3:30 PM 6/10–8/26	3:30 PM 6/11–8/27	3:30 PM 6/12–8/28
Tales of the Travertine—Talk <i>Starting May 30</i> The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone’s most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how powerful earth forces constantly create and change these formations, and whether or not they really are “drying up.” Meet at the end of the Palette Spring boardwalk, just up from the Liberty Cap rock formation. ♿ <i>15 minutes</i>	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/30–9/5	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/31–9/6	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 6/1–8/31	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 6/2–9/1	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 6/3–9/2	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 6/4–9/3	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 6/5–9/4
Calling in the Cavalry—Walk <i>Starting June 13</i> In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Cavalry. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about historic park events and to discover the role the Army played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. ♿ <i>1 hour</i>	6 PM 6/13–9/5	6 PM 6/14–9/6	6 PM 6/15–8/31	6 PM 6/16–9/1	6 PM 6/17–9/2	6 PM 6/18–9/3	6 PM 6/19–9/4
Mammoth Evening Program <i>Starting June 17</i> Enjoy an illustrated program about Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at visitor centers for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Mammoth Campground Amphitheater. ♿ with assistance (steep grade, loose gravel) <i>1 hour</i>	9:30 PM 6/20–7/18 9 PM 7/25–9/5	9:30 PM 6/21–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/22–7/20 9 PM 7/27–8/31	9:30 PM 6/23–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/17–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/18–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/19–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4

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Norris

Information Station and Museum

May 26–Sept. 30: 9 AM–6 PM

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World’s Tallest—Talk <i>Starting May 30</i> Discover how geysers work at the world’s tallest active geyser! Meet at Steamboat Geyser, about a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking area. <i>In poor weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with a ranger at the information desk. 20 minutes</i>	9:50 AM 10:20 AM 3:30 PM 4 PM 5/30–9/5	9:50 AM 10:20 AM 3:30 PM 4 PM 5/31–9/6	9:50 AM 10:20 AM 3:30 PM 4 PM 6/1–8/31	9:50 AM 10:20 AM 3:30 PM 4 PM 6/2–9/1	9:50 AM 10:20 AM 3:30 PM 4 PM 6/3–9/2	9:50 AM 10:20 AM 3:30 PM 4 PM 6/4–9/3	9:50 AM 10:20 AM 3:30 PM 4 PM 6/5–9/4
Windows Into Yellowstone—Walk <i>Starting June 6</i> Experience the muddy caldrons, acidic geysers, and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin! Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park’s geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Bring water, sunglasses, and sunscreen. <i>1½ hours</i>	4:30 PM 6/6–9/5	4:30 PM 6/7–9/6	4:30 PM 6/8–8/31	4:30 PM 6/9–9/1	4:30 PM 6/10–9/2	4:30 PM 6/11–9/3	4:30 PM 6/12–9/4
Norris Campfire Program <i>Starting June 6</i> Bring the whole family and join a park ranger for an old-fashioned, cozy campfire talk. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Norris Campground Campfire Circle. ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	7:30 PM 6/6–9/5	7:30 PM 6/7–9/6	7:30 PM 6/8–8/31	7:30 PM 6/9–9/1	7:30 PM 6/10–9/2	7:30 PM 6/11–9/3	7:30 PM 6/12–9/4

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Old Faithful

Old Faithful Visitor Center

Through May 25: 9 AM–6 PM; May 26–Sept. 30: 8 AM–7 PM

Through August 24, the visitor center is in temporary quarters near the Old Faithful Lodge.
Please look for signs or ask for directions upon arriving in the area.
The new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center opens August 25.

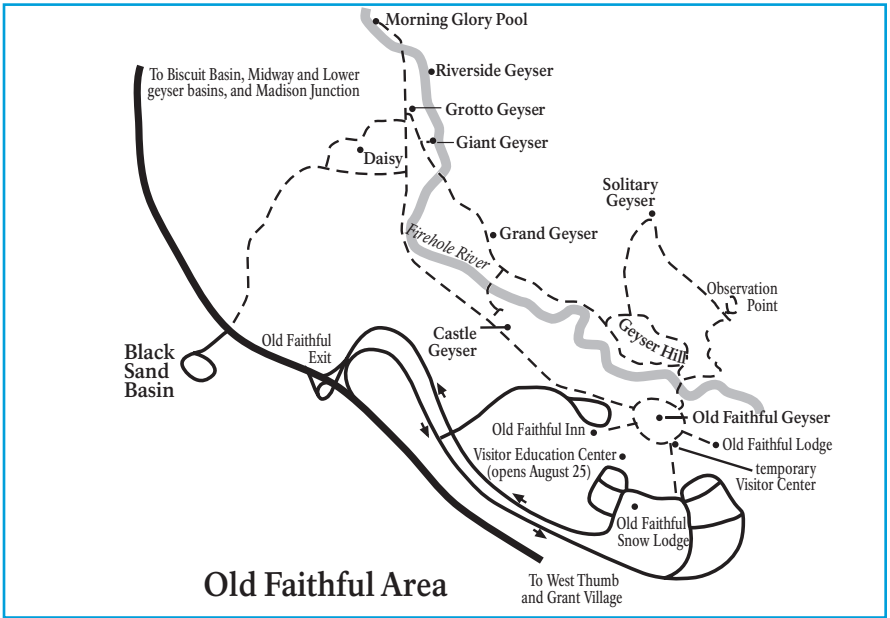
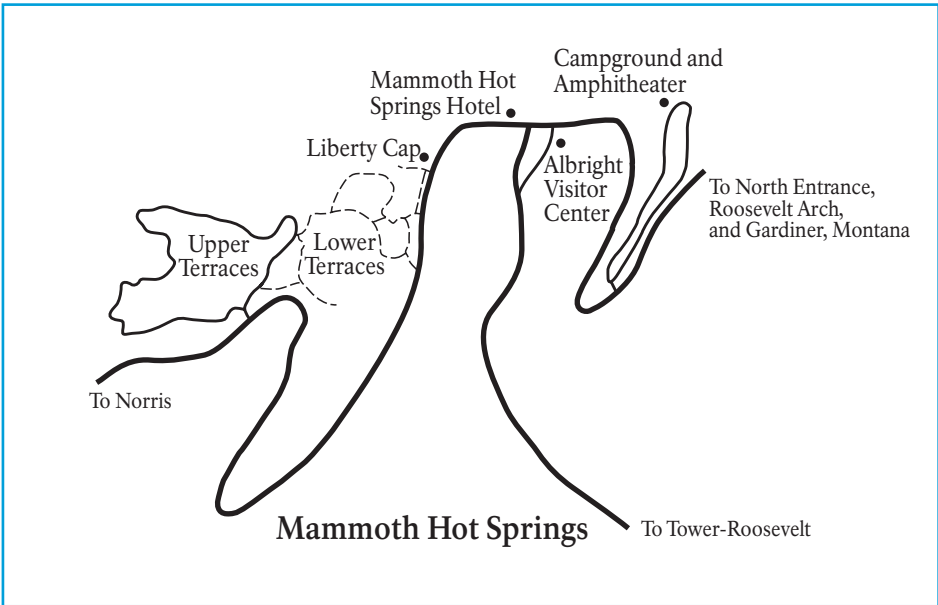


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Geyser Hill Walk <i>Starting May 30</i> Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world’s greatest concentration of geysers. Experience this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone’s volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1½ mile walk. Meet at the Old Faithful Visitor Center. <i>1½ hours</i>	8 AM 5/30–9/5	8 AM 5/31–9/6	8 AM 6/1–8/31	8 AM 6/2–9/1	8 AM 6/3–9/2	8 AM 6/4–9/3	8 AM 6/5–9/4
Observation Point Walk <i>Starting June 6</i> Walk with a ranger to an overlook providing superb views down to Old Faithful Geyser and the Upper Geyser Basin. Moderately strenuous; 2 miles roundtrip. Meet at the Old Faithful Visitor Center. <i>1½ hours</i>	9 AM 6/6–8/22	9 AM 6/7–8/23	9 AM 6/8–8/24	9 AM 6/9–8/25	9 AM 6/10–8/26	9 AM 6/11–8/27	9 AM 6/12–8/28
Yellowstone for Kids! <i>Starting June 6</i> Kids will discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this short, interactive presentation. Gather in front of the Old Faithful Visitor Center for this outdoor program. <i>⌚ 20 minutes</i>	10 AM 6/6–8/22	10 AM 6/7–8/23	10 AM 6/8–8/24	10 AM 6/9–8/25	10 AM 6/10–8/26	10 AM 6/11–8/27	10 AM 6/12–8/28
Geysers Galore! <i>Starting May 26</i> Take a quick peek at Yellowstone’s fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Center. <i>⌚ 10 minutes</i>	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/30–9/5	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/31–9/6	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 6/1–8/31	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/26–9/1	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/27–9/2	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/28–9/3	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/29–9/4
Black Sand Walk <i>Starting June 6</i> Discover a lesser-known gem! As you stroll through one of Yellowstone’s most striking hydrothermal areas, you’ll learn about volcanic geology and the unique history of Black Sand Basin. Easy half-mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot, one mile north of Old Faithful. <i>⌚ with assistance 1 hour</i>	1 PM 6/6–8/22	1 PM 6/7–8/23	1 PM 6/8–8/24	1 PM 6/9–8/25	1 PM 6/10–8/26	1 PM 6/11–8/27	1 PM 6/12–8/28
Stroll around Old Faithful <i>Starting June 13</i> Take an easy ¼-mile walk with a ranger around Old Faithful Geyser. View dramatic hot springs and geysers while gaining insight into Yellowstone’s dynamic geology. Meet at the Old Faithful Visitor Center. <i>45 minutes</i>	2:30 PM 6/13–8/1	2:30 PM 6/14–8/2	2:30 PM 6/15–8/3	2:30 PM 6/16–8/4	2:30 PM 6/17–8/5	2:30 PM 6/18–8/6	2:30 PM 6/19–8/7
Geyser Discovery Stroll <i>Starting May 30</i> Learn about one of the rarest geological features on Earth—geysers! Accompany a ranger through the Upper Geyser Basin exploring the world of geysers. Meet at Castle Geyser, ½ mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the Visitor Center). <i>1½ hours</i>	5:30 PM 5/30–9/5	5:30 PM 5/31–9/6	5:30 PM 6/1–8/31	5:30 PM 6/2–9/1	5:30 PM 6/3–9/2	5:30 PM 6/4–9/3	5:30 PM 6/5–9/4
Old Faithful Evening Feature <i>Starting May 30</i> Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders will be featured during this 45-minute outdoor talk. Meet the ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Center. <i>⌚ 45 min.</i>	7:30 PM 5/30–9/5	7:30 PM 5/31–9/6	7:30 PM 6/1–8/31	7:30 PM 6/2–9/1	7:30 PM 6/3–9/2	7:30 PM 6/4–9/3	7:30 PM 6/5–9/4

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Stars Over Yellowstone: Safe Solar Observing
Old Faithful Temporary Visitor Center area
Saturday, July 10 & August 7, 2–5 PM
Safely view the sun through telescopes.
See page E for night-time astronomy programs at Madison.



SPECIAL FOR JUNIOR RANGERS & Your Family!

Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics

Test your skills and compare your abilities with those of animals in Yellowstone. Who will win the gold? A bison, ground squirrel, or you! How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell?

Stop by any time between the hours listed below. Stay for as short a time or as long as your schedule allows.



Wednesday, June 16
10 AM–2 PM
Mammoth Hot Springs, across from the Albright Visitor Center on the Parade Grounds

Wednesday, June 30
10 AM–2 PM
Canyon Village, near the Canyon Visitor Education Center

Wednesday, July 14
10 AM–2 PM
Mammoth Hot Springs, across from the Albright Visitor Center on the Parade Grounds

Wednesday, July 28
10 AM–2 PM
Canyon Village, near the Canyon Visitor Education Center

Wednesday, August 11
10 AM–2 PM
Mammoth Hot Springs, across from the Albright Visitor Center on the Parade Grounds

Wednesday, August 25
1–4 PM
Old Faithful, after the opening ceremonies for the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center



RANGER ADVENTURE HIKES

FREE! Explore Yellowstone on a guided half-day hike with a park ranger! Each hike has been specially selected and is limited in the number of participants to provide you with the very best experience.

WHEN: June 13–September 6, starting & ending dates vary (see area listings inside).

HOW TO SIGN UP: You must sign up in advance at any park visitor center, where you will receive instructions, tickets, and directions to the trailhead.

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS AREA

Advance sign-up required at any visitor center

Scenic Snow Pass **8 AM, Tuesday & Thursday**

Hike through the strange, jumbled boulders of the Hoodoos and groves of aspen and Douglas-fir. Travel over Snow Pass, an early park road, then revel in the scenery of the Gallatin Range. Come explore this delightful, diverse corner of Yellowstone.

Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 550 ft/170 m)
Duration 5.5–6 hours
Total Distance 6.8 miles/10.9 km
Type of Trail Loop; maintained trail. *Hikers afraid of heights may be uncomfortable on a short stretch of this trail.*

Beaver Ponds Ramble **8 AM, Monday & Wednesday**

Explore the diversity of the Mammoth Hot Springs area on this lovely hike through aspen groves, Douglas-fir woodlands, and meadows. Several tranquil ponds hold the promise of wildlife sightings, and the views of northern Yellowstone are spectacular.

Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 600 ft/186 m)
Duration 4.5 hours
Total Distance 5 miles/8 km
Type of Trail Loop; hilly maintained trail.

TOWER-ROOSEVELT AREA

Advance sign-up required at any visitor center

Gem of the Rockies **8 AM, Sunday**

Garnet Hill lies at the heart of Yellowstone’s famed northern range, home to vast herds of wildlife. Hike through Pleasant Valley into the forest glen of Elk Creek and along the roaring Yellowstone River as we circle Garnet Hill on this “gem” of a trail.

Difficulty Moderate, but fairly long (Elevation gain: 300 ft/90 m)
Duration 6 hours
Total Distance 7.5 miles/12 km
Type of Trail Loop; stagecoach dirt road (1.5 mi/2.4 km) and maintained trail.

CANYON VILLAGE AREA

Advance sign-up required at any visitor center

Fire on the Mountain **8 AM, Friday**

Enjoy one of Yellowstone’s most beloved hikes to the fire lookout at the top of Mt Washburn. Learn about the area’s natural and human history while taking in spectacular vistas from over 10,000 feet. Come join us for this extraordinary experience!

Difficulty Strenuous (Elevation gain: 1400 ft/427 m)
Duration 6 hours
Total Distance 6 miles/9.6 km
Type of Trail Out and back; maintained trail.

OLD FAITHFUL AREA

Advance sign-up required at any visitor center

Shoshone Lake Discovery **8 AM, Wed. & Sat.**

Take a hike straight into the wilderness of Yellowstone. Follow DeLacy Creek to the pebbly shore of Shoshone Lake, the largest backcountry lake in the United States and a beautiful destination for this backcountry hike.

Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 200 ft/60 m)
Duration 4.5–5 hours
Total Distance 6 miles/9.6 km
Type of Trail Out and back; maintained trail.

Lone Star Stroll **7:30 AM, Thursday**

Walk through lush forests along the Firehole River to Lone Star Geyser, one of Yellowstone’s hidden treasures, on this family friendly activity. Lone Star is an active geyser with a massive geyser cone that erupts a sparkling jet of steaming water every few hours.

Difficulty Easy (Elevation gain: 40 ft/12 m)
Duration 4.5–5 hours
Total Distance 4.8 miles/7.7 km
Type of Trail Out and back; rough, partially paved road that is open to bicycles but not motor vehicles.

Fairy Falls Frolic **7:30 AM, Tuesday & Friday**

Ramble along the edge of a spectacular geyser basin and through a thriving young forest to Fairy Falls where water plunges 200 feet over a lava wall. Visit a backcountry hydro-thermal area that includes Imperial Geyser.

Difficulty Moderate
Duration 5 hours
Total Distance 6.4 miles/10.3 km
Type of Trail Out and back; maintained trail.

FISHING BRIDGE & LAKE VILLAGE AREA

Advance sign-up required at any visitor center

Avalanche Peak Experience **8 AM, Saturday**

For a truly “breathtaking” encounter with the wild side of Yellowstone, make the steep ascent to the knife-edged summit of Avalanche Peak (10,566 ft/3,221 m). Your efforts will be rewarded with one of the most stunning panoramic views of Yellowstone. Enjoy this peak experience!

Difficulty Strenuous (Elevation gain: 2100 ft/650 m)
Duration 6 hours
Total Distance 4 miles/6.4 km
Type of Trail Out and back; maintained, steep trail. *Hikers afraid of heights may be uncomfortable on the summit portion.*